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(Barry Gray's guests were Roy Cohn, Serge Fliegers, and Tom Goland.)

GRAY: "We have just a couple of minutes left. Roy Cohn, what do you think is the effectiveness of the CIA?"

COHN: "Very little."

GRAY: "Have you read Mr. Tully's new book?"

COHN: "No I haven't read that. But I had so much experience with the CIA down in Washington, one of the regrets of my career down there is that the administration--the Republican administration--was able to stop an investigation which our committee had planned of the CIA. Because, frankly, it's so terrible to have us spend these hundreds of millions of dollars in unvouchered taxpayers' funds--which means the CIA doesn't have to explain how they use them--for this bumbling incompetence, which makes us the last instead of the first to find out what's going on in the world, and just develops for us an intelligence agency which isn't worth a darn, and which is costing us so very much in the way of funds. I have no respect. You just can't put the CIA and the FBI on the same program."

GRAY: "I want Serge Fliegers, if he will, very briefly to tell the story here that he told last night about the CIA and the night they closed the gate--the Brandenburg Gate."

FLIEGERS: "It was on August 13th, Sunday night, and I had received a tip that they might do something. At 1:30 I was at the border of the Brandenburg Gate, and suddenly the Vopos stopped everyone. Well, John Daly and I managed to slip in as the last refugee slipped out through the shadow. And we wandered around through the town and saw the tanks rumbling and saw the Vopos in the steel helmets and the Russian tommy guns come in. We got a copy of the Neues Deutschland, the newspaper that published the proclamation about sealing off East Berlin."

"And about two hours later, suddenly, we saw this beautiful Mercedes sports car rolling around, with American numbers on it, and they came over to us--they must have noticed we were Americans--and they said: what's going on? And they were CIA men."

(LAUGHTER)